

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 439 By Representative Ellington

June 24, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 439 by Representative Ellington, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Dupre and adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2009, be adopted.
2. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, line 6, after "for" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 7 in its entirety and insert "catfish shall distinguish between farm raised or wild caught."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, at the end of line 24, insert the following:

"Any retailer offering catfish or catfish products for sale that are found to be designated incorrectly as to the country of origin or the method of production shall not be held liable by reason of the conduct of another if the retailer proves they had no knowledge of the violation."

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Francis Thompson

Representative John F. "Andy" Anders

Senator Neil Riser

Representative Thomas H. McVea

Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.